

## **Informal Northern Thai Group Bulletin**

**June 4, 2013**

**Please note that we will have TWO talks this month.  
One on Tuesday, June 11 and one on Tuesday, June 18!**

**See details below!**

- 1. MINUTES of the 360<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Tuesday 14 May 2013: “Beyond Tolerance, Working for Community Legal Education”. A Talk by Wendy Morrish, Co-Director of Bridges Across Borders South East Asia Community Legal Education.**
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**1.1. PRESENT :** Kathie Arhane-Peux, John Cadet, Richard Chase, Louis Gabaude, Fini Gamundi-Lasky, Hang Trinh, Sjon Hauser, John Henderson, David James, Mangkoot James, Klanarong Kaikrong, Catherine Klein, David Kulka, Peter Kunstadter, Arnorld Lasky, Dagan Martinez, Elaine McCarthy, Nattakan Chomputhong, Tim Pera, Pham Chung, Phattharadanai Chaiyayong, Clarence Shettlesworth, David Steane, Suphamat Phonphra, Frances Weil, Sonia Weil, Tanya May Weldon, a total of 27, at least.

## **1.2. The 360<sup>th</sup> Talk, Tuesday 14 May 2013: “Beyond Tolerance, Working for Community Legal Education”. A Talk by Wendy Morrish.**

*For technical reasons, we cannot include the text of the 60th talk in this document.*

*You will find instead and separately two "pdf" documents:*

1. A document "**BeyondTolerance-INTG\_Talk-201305.pdf**". This a series of "slides" giving the structure of the talk on "Beyond Tolerance, Working For Community Legal Education"
2. A document "**Strengthening Access to Justice Through Clinical Legal Education.pdf**". This is an article introducing to Clinical Legal Education: "Transcending Tolerance and Strengthening Access to Justice Through Clinical Legal Education (CLE)" by Bruce A. Lasky, Christopher Walsh, Wendy Morrish, Nada Chaiyajit

*Here is the Abstract of this article:*

Clinical legal education (CLE) programmes are relatively new in South East Asia. CLE increases law students' understanding of the need for, and critical skills to provide access to justice to vulnerable and marginalised communities. We present Bridges Across Borders South East Asia Community Legal Education Initiative's (BABSEA CLE) model which illustrates how the programme ideology and andragogy work to disrupt labeling common in law practices to respond respectfully and effectively to people of all cultures and backgrounds. The programmes helps students move beyond tolerance towards standing in solidarity with those who are 'othered'. We argue the model assists law students in understanding why CLE is needed for indigent and marginalised communities with the intention of encouraging them to provide pro-bono legal services in the future, thereby transforming lawyering practices to embrace equity, participation and inclusion. CLE teaching and learning practices are timely and transferable in South East Asia because they provide all students with access to a new set of dispositions, beliefs, and commitments that are grounded in equity and social justice. In doing so, real access justice, is begun to be achieved in a cascading and sustainable manner. The paper will focus on one such CLE project, conducted in Chiang Mai, Thailand but such demonstration is not limited to Thailand but we assert throughout Southeast Asia and internationally.

## **2. 1ST INTG MEETING IN JUNE 2013 : 361<sup>ST</sup> INTG MEETING : 11 JUNE 2013 : “COPING WITH HIV IN ADOLESCENCE: THE SITUATION IN THAILAND”.**

**A TALK BY DR. SOPHIE LE CŒUR.**

**Presentation of the talk:** Children born with HIV have survived thanks to antiretroviral treatment. They are now entering the fragile period of adolescence, often after a traumatic childhood: a family history disrupted by the illness and the subsequent death of one or both parents; a sometimes difficult relationship with the grandparents who are most often their caregivers; periods of serious illness; stigmatization experiences from other kids or adults; and above all the discovery that they are infected with HIV. Adolescence is a time of many questions: how can sexuality be approached? How can the self-esteem necessary to become an adult be acquired when suffering or having suffered from stigmatization? How can opportunities be maximized for their future despite the potential consequences of their illness? Faced with so many personal and social difficulties, teenagers sometimes stop their demanding treatment, placing their lives at risk. The TEEWA\* (Teens living With Antiretrovirals) study in Thailand, aims at conveying information on the situation, needs and prospects of these children to the health authorities. This information is essential to develop strategies that can be used to help young people living with HIV/AIDS and their families to deal with this difficult period.

\* The TEEWA study is funded by Oxfam GB and SIDACTION in France..

**The Speaker:** *Sophie Le Cœur, MD. PhD, Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques (INED)/Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD), France - Program for HIV Prevention and Treatment, Chiang Mai, Thailand - Contact: Sophie.LeCoeur@phpt.org.*

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**A new film by Tom Fawthrop who will be in attendance to discuss the film**

**Presentation of the talk:** The film traces the journey of students from South Africa’s poorest to fulfilling their dream – to become the doctors that are so badly needed by their rural communities. Little reported by the Western world, Cuba is the only country that provides over 20,000 free scholarships a year to 34 countries in Africa and the rest of the developing world. The film shows the progress of five South African students through Cuban medical school, and in South Africa, looks at the role of Cuban trained doctors in building a different kind of health system.

**The Speaker:** *Tom Fawthrop is an independent journalist and film-maker based in SE Asia during past 30 years. Outside Asia he has worked on various assignments in Latin America: Cuba, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela. In Africa: Kenya & South Africa. He is a regular contributor & correspondent for: The Economist/ Guardian/ South China Morning Post.*

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**363<sup>rd</sup> Meeting :** 9 July 2013 : “British and American Architecture in Chiang Mai: Conserving Historic Buildings”. A Talk by Asst. Prof. Vitul Lieorungruang, PhD, Assistant Dean for Academic Services, Faculty of Architecture, Chiang Mai University.

**364<sup>th</sup> Meeting :** 13 August 2013 : “Illustrations of Theravada Cosmology”. A Talk by James E. Bogle, art historian and collector.

### **5. INTG CONTACTS : Convenor - Secretary - Website**

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**Coping  
with HIV in  
Adolescence:  
the Situation  
in Thailand**

A Talk by **Sophie Le Cœur, MD**

**Tuesday 11 June 2013 : 19:30**

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